

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Peter Van Horne, Keith Olson and Kevin Miller  
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AND METHOD  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**Petition To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim Under 35 U.S.C. 120**  
**For The Benefit Of A Prior-Filed Application**

Sir:

Petition is hereby made for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of the following prior-filed applications:

1. US 09/289,199 and
2. US 08/919,397.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, this petition is accompanied by a supplemental application data sheet which includes the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120, as well as the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t).

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Additionally, it is stated that the entire delay between the date that this claim for benefit of a prior-filed application was due until the present date was unintentional.

Favorable action on this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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